

113 East Center Street
Hyde Park, Utah

November 18, 2015

The Hyde Park City Council meeting of November 18, 2015 began at 7:00 p.m. and was conducted by Mayor Bryan Cox

City Officials Present: Mayor Bryan Cox, Council members: Brent Kelly, Bob Christensen, Bret Randall, and Charles Wheeler, Planning and Zoning member: Mark Lynne, Police Chief: Kim Hawkes, and City Recorder: Donja Wright. Council member Sharidean Flint was excused.

Others Present: Kenden Blotter, JoLynn Blotter, Mekenna Malan, Diana Cannell, Kevin Blotter

Prayer or Thought: Council member Kelly

Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Hawkes

Adoption of Agenda: Council member Christensen moved that the Hyde Park City Council approve the agenda for the November 18, 2015 Hyde Park City Council meeting as presented. Council member Kelly seconded the motion. Council members Kelly, Christensen, Randall, and Wheeler voted in favor. The motion carried 4/0

Review Financial Statement for October – The Council reviewed the Financial Statement for October.

Citizen Input: Melissa Vogel approached the Council and requested that instructions on how to access the public notice website be put in the newsletter every month.

Audit Results – Diana Cannell from Allred Jackson presenting the 2015 audit results:

Diana Cannell approached the Council and informed them that Allred Jackson had completed a financial audit on Hyde Park City and the results were great. She informed the Council of a few new accounts that have been added to show pensions. She informed the Council that a few of the City's highlights are an increase in the City's equity over \$500,000, the City's fixed assets increased to close to 1 million dollars and the City's debt is very small. She informed the Council that through the course of the audit, they discovered 2 minor current year findings. 1) Expenditures exceeded appropriations in the sewer and MBA fund and 2) the City Council did not attend the required annual training, the minutes were not posted to the public notice website until May and the City was unable to produce an audio recording for a closed session meeting. Diana informed the Council that the City is financially sound and the unrestricted fund balance is at 16.9%. The Council discussed assets vs liabilities and the need to account for future repairs. Diana praised the City staff and Council for a job well done.

Urban Deer Discussion: Council member Kelly informed the Council that he received a phone call from Mark Ashcroft asking what the City planned to do about the Urban Deer and how long it would take. In a prior City Council meeting, the Council requested that an application be completed and sent to the DNR and a plan be written while observing North Logan for a year. Council member Kelly asked the Council how they felt about the plan so he could let Mr. Ashcroft know what the Council was thinking. Council member Randall said that he was in favor of asking P&Z to create a plan with 2 different options 1) trapping and relocation 2) killing the deer with the option of processing the meat. He stressed that he feels that this should be complaint driven. The Mayor informed the Council that when he was growing up, he lived on a ranch and it was the rancher's responsibility to keep the deer out. Council member Wheeler said that he supports the plan to kill the deer and have the meat processed for citizens on the list. He is in support of it being complaint driven. Chief Hawkes approached the Council and informed them that the time period to harvest and process the meat is Dec 1st – Dec 31st. The DNR does not let the harvesting take place after that date. They have not come up with a good way to trap the deer during the summer months because the deer have so many options for food. He informed the Council that in North Logan, the application took about 3-4 weeks to be approved and then they had to complete the plan and hold a public hearing. Kevin Blotter approached the Council and informed them that if they harvest the deer between Dec 1 and Dec 31, they are getting mostly mountain deer, not urban deer. The Council discussed other options to deal with the deer besides harvesting, they discussed Bountiful, Highland and Alpine and their use of firearms and a bow hunt. They also discussed the use of a net and tranquilizer darts. The Chief informed the Council that the DNR is working on plans to try to help the Cities deal with these issues and a way to try to trap the deer within the summer months to assure that the deer they are dealing with are urban deer.

Departments

Streets: Council member Christensen informed the Council that the crews will begin working on 450 North next week. Mike Grunig got 2 bids and Edge will do the work on the project. The Council had a discussion about a possibility of putting in 2 culverts with 4' pipes over the top on 100 North to make it accessible. The canal board was opposed to this proposition. Council member Kelly said that the canal company does own the easement and has the right to not allow the City to put in a bridge. The Council had a discussion about who will ultimately take control over the empty canal, who will have liability, who will maintain the canals vegetation and the importance of shaping the canal properly so it can be easily maintained. Council member Kelly informed the Council that he will send an email to Zan Murray from JUB to clarify some of these questions and concerns.

Sewer: Council member Randall informed the Council that the Rate Committee met and the By-Laws were approved.

Council member Wheeler informed the Council that he is working with a scout on an Eagle Scout project to place free mulch from the landfill around the second ½ of the trail at Lion's Park. He reminded the Council about the Ltn. Governors dinner tomorrow night at 6:30

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Adjourn: 8:45

Donja Wright – City Recorder

Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18th, 2015 Council meeting. Council member Christensen seconded the motion. Council members Kelly, Christensen, Flint and Wheeler voted in favor. The motion carried 4-0.